

Stipulation and Agreement. TRA was given the opportunity to participate in the settlement negotiations and was sent a copy of the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement. Although TRA stated that it did not have sufficient notice of the Commission meeting, TRA was informed the morning of November 15, 1999, that the Commission would consider whether to approve the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement that afternoon. TRA chose not to participate in the meeting.

A November 15, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement. The Commission voted to approve the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement. After consideration of the criteria listed in SDCL 49-31-3.2 and based upon the information filed in this docket, the Commission finds that U S WEST's intraLATA toll and wide-area telephone services are fully competitive and shall be reclassified from emerging competitive to fully competitive. The Commission finds the reclassification is in the public interest because there are numerous alternative providers of intraLATA toll and wide-area telephone services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission notes that since the implementation of intraLATA dialing parity all South Dakota customers now have the ability to preselect a specific carrier for their intraLATA toll calls by dialing "1" plus the number.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that U S WEST's intraLATA toll and wide-area telephone services shall be reclassified as fully competitive; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement shall be approved and shall be incorporated by reference into this Order the same as if it had been set forth in its entirety herein.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of December, 1999.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: _____
Date: _____
(OFFICIAL SEAL)
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

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